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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO BOMBING OF HOUSE OF PRESIDENT OF
CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION

1. DURING WEEK OF JUNE 26, ZAGREB PRESS HAS CARRIED SEVERAL
REPORTS ON BOMBING IN PITTSBURGH OF HOUSE OF PRESIDENT OF
CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION JOHN BADINOVAC. ZAGREB DAILY "VJESNIK"
CARRIED TANJUG INITIAL REPORT OF BOMBING ON JUNE 26 AND NOTED
THAT EXPLOSION DESTROYED INTERIOR OF HOUSE. ACCORDING TO THE
STORY, BADINOVAC WHO WAS IN ST. LOUIS AT THE TIME OF THE
BOMBING ATTRIBUTED THE ACT TO THE "CROATIAN LIBERATION ARMY."

2. FOLLOW-UP TANJUG STORIES APPEARED IN ZAGREB PRESS ON JUNE 29
AND JUNE 30. VJESNIK OF JUNE 29 REPORTS THAT BOMBING OF
BADINOVAC HOME WAS CONDEMNED BY AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV DESCENT
WHO ATTENDED FOLKLORE FESTIVAL IN ST. LOUIS. VJESNIK OF JUNE 30
REPORTS THAT YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN GROUPS HAVE WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT
CARTER, ATTORNEY-GENERAL BELL, AND U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL
WALDHEIM TO CONDEMN RECENT ANTI-YUGOSLAV TERRORIST ACTIVITY.

3. VJESNIK OF JUNE 29 ALSO CARRIED TEXT OF TELEGRAM TO BADINOVAC
FROM PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF CROATIA JAKOV
SIROTKOVIC. REFERRING TO MEETING WITH BADINOVAC IN ZAGREB AND
IN PITTSBURGH IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, SIROTKOVIC EXPRESSED
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CONFIDENCE IN FURTHER COOPERATION WITH THE CROATIAN FRATERNAL
UNION AND HE CONDEMNED THOSE "WHO, ACTING AGAINST YUGOSLAV-
AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP, ARE ACTING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THEIR
OWN PEOPLE."

4. COMMENT: CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION, HEADQUARTERED IN PITTSBURGH,
HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN RECENT YEARS WITH PROCLAIMED GOALS OF

PROMOTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND YUGOSLAVIA AND PRESERVING
ETHNIC AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV DESCENT.
LAST YEAR, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION,
ALMOST TWO THOUSAND AMERICANS VISITED ZAGREB TO PARTICIPATE IN
CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL. KAISER

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